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In re: Mailland

Serial No.: 10/016,005

Filed: November 1, 2001

*METHODS FOR MAKING SUSTAINED-RELEASE PHARMACEUTICAL
COMPOSITIONS OF ERGOT ALKALOIDS HAVING IMPROVED
BIOAVAILABILITY AND COMPOSITIONS THEREOF*

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- A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
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- Other: Declaration Under 37 CFR § 1.132 (Federico Mailland)

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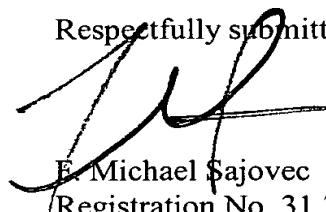
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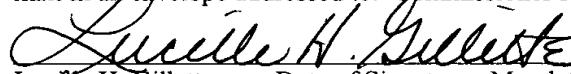


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